

Criteria for IV-D Reimbursement of Genetic Testing in Actions Under the Revocation of Paternity Act (RPA)

IV-D services are available for genetic testing activities in IV-D cases that meet all the criteria listed below and are discussed in Section 4.06, "Paternity Disestablishment," of the *Michigan IV-D Child Support Manual*.

The following **are** required:

Case Status

- The family has an open Title IV-D case as a result of a completed *IV-D Child Support Services Application/Referral* (DHS-1201 or e1201) or a public assistance referral.

Genetic Test Status

- The court has ordered (but not yet performed) genetic testing that could lead to paternity disestablishment during a court action.

Regarding the Mother

- The mother is identified, located, and ready to cooperate in the disestablishment/establishment activity according to the court record.

Regarding the Alleged Father

- The alleged father is identified, located, and ready to cooperate in the disestablishment/establishment activity according to the court record.

The following **are not** required:

Regarding the Child

Genetic testing is permitted regardless of the child's age and without the IV-D agency first determining the child's best interests. The IV-D program will rely on the court's decision-making regarding the child's best interests.

Method/Duration of Current Legal Relationship

Genetic testing is permitted regardless of the method used to establish the current legal father or the duration of the current legal father. This includes adjudication in which IV-D staff established paternity.

Other Family Court Action

The type of case action prompting the disestablishment decision-making by the court does not matter.